

## Fiscal Note

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**SF 205** – DOT Motor Vehicle Changes (LSB 1191SV)

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### **Description**

**Senate File 205** is the Department of Transportation's (DOT) departmental bill that makes various changes to existing Code provisions relating to motor vehicle regulation, motor vehicle operations, and other related matters mostly for federal conformity or to ensure consistency within the State statutes. One action of the Bill is related to federal medical certification of drivers that are issued Commercial Driver Licenses (CDLs) in order to comply with federal statutory and regulatory requirements.

### **Background**

In order to implement the revised federal CDL requirements relating to federal medical certifications, programming changes will be needed to allow the DOT to accept and record the required self-certification and medical certificates and to report the driver's status to the federal Commercial Driver's License Information System (CDLIS). The basic federal medical certification work must be completed by January 30, 2012. If the State does not comply, there would be penalties in the form of federal withholding of 5.0% of the federal funds the State receives for Interstate Maintenance, Surface Transportation Program, and the National Highway System. For FFY 2010, the federal funding for those programs was \$68.5 million, \$95.5 million, and \$99.5 million, respectively. For subsequent violations, the penalties would be 10.0% withholding.

### **Assumptions**

The DOT advises that implementation for federal medical certification and additional CDL compliance issues will cost approximately \$475,000. This was estimated using a rate of \$165.00 per hour for a vendor to perform the work with approximately 2,880 hours needed. Of this amount, the DOT estimates approximately \$190,000 will be specifically related to implementation of the basic work needed for the federal medical certification requirements. An outside vendor will be retained to complete the necessary compliance programming and coding in the DOT's system. The DOT's Information Technology (IT) staff is developing the implementation plan.

### **Fiscal Impact**

No fiscal impact to the State is anticipated. The DOT has received a federal grant of \$400,000 from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration that will provide for the vendor and the required programming necessary to implement the compliance changes. The DOT advises any work done by its own IT staff to implement the changes will be completed within the Department's existing budget and staff. Funds remaining from the federal grant will be directed for additional CDL programming work needed for CDLIS compliance or additional phases of the federal medical certification process, such as electronic interfaces with physicians that would allow them to use their patient software system to complete and submit the certifications.

Sources

Department of Transportation  
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration website

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